POV SAFETY

(Briefing)

POV ACCIDENTS

- #1 Killer of Soldiers
  - 15 times that of on duty accidents
- Results in time and resource depletion
- Loss of an important team member
- Decrease in unit morale due to loss

THE ULTIMATE GOAL

- Eliminate POV accidents
- Prevent needless loss of life
- Prevent loss of resources

PREVENTION OF POV ACCIDENTS

- Training
- Briefings and promotional materials
- Correction of offenses
  - Counseling
  - UCMJ action

VICTIM PROFILE

- Generally involve:
  - Single male soldiers
  - E5 and below
  - 26 years of age or younger

VICTIM PROFILE

(cont.)

- Why these soldiers are the typical victims:
  - Soldiers are simply not aware of the hazards they face (they have a 1 in 1000 chance of dying in their POV and a 1 in 150 chance of being hospitalized during a three year tour in Germany).
  - Soldiers tend to underestimate their personal risk
  - Soldiers tend to overestimate their ability

WHERE ACCIDENTS OCCUR

- Most accidents occur within 25 miles of where we live and work
  - We become very familiar with the roads, streets and byways that we travel everyday, we become complacent.
  - Our mind has a tendency to wander to daily problems and not on the task of driving.
  - The result - we do not see or are not aware of the dangers that suddenly appear.

WHERE ACCIDENTS OCCUR (cont.)

- We attend parties, do our drinking and socializing within the 25 mile radius.
- While on trips always drive defensively. We may not be in our 25 mile radius, but we are in someone else’s.

PRIMARY CAUSES OF POV ACCIDENTS

- Drinking and driving
- Speed
- Fatigue

Booze & Lose

- Don’t drive after consuming two or more drinks in one hour.
- Better yet, DON’T DRINK AND DRIVE!!
- What it could cost you:
  - Prison Sentence
  - License suspension/revocation
  - Fines and Service Fees
  - Mandatory drug/alcohol education or treatment
  - Severe career repercussions:
    - Barred from reenlistment
    - Reduction in grade
    - General Letter of Reprimand
  - Vehicular Homicide charges

Speed Shatters Lives

- Greater stopping distance
- Exceeding handling characteristics
- Air Bag misconception

Fatigue: Stay Awake To Stay Alive

- Large percentage of accidents involve running off the road at night.

- Nodding off for 2-3 seconds.
  - Melatonin
  - Boredom
  - Alcohol

Buckle Up!

- Some people are thrown clear in a crash and walk away without a scratch.
- I’m a careful driver-never had an accident. Good drivers don’t need them.
- Seatbelts are too much trouble, fastening-unfastening-fastening again.
- I only use them on high-speed roads. It’s a nuisance around town.
- I don’t need to wear a seat belt just to drive to the grocery store.
- What if my car caught fire or went off the road into water.
- Seat belts are uncomfortable and wrinkle my Class A jacket.

How to Avoid Traffic Collisions

- Stay Ahead Of The Situation
- Stay Alert
- Stay Back
- Start and Stopping Sooner
- Signal Your Intentions